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SUBJECT: ICF SUPPORT OF SPANISH WORKERS STRIKE AGAINST FIRESTONE
CORPORATION

1. CHARLES LEVINSON, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE INTERNATIONAL
FEDERATION OF CHEMICAL AND GENERAL WORKERS UNIONS (ICF) CALLED
MISSOFF MARCH 26 TO REPORT ICF'S FULL SUPPORT OF THE STRIKE
PRESENTLY BEING CARRIED OUT AGAINST FIRESTONE CORPORATION IN
BILBAO, SPAIN. FURTHERMORE ICF IS CONTEMPLATING WORLDWIDE
ACTION AGAINST FIRESTONE CORPORATION IN ORDER TO DEMONSTRATE
ITS SOLIDARITY WITH THE SPANISH WORKERS AND ITS OPPOSITION TO
FIRESTONE'S UNFAIR DISMISSAL OF SPANISH EMPLOYEES. LEVINSON
NOTED THAT EVEN THE SPANISH LABOR MAGISTRATE'S JUDGMENT OF
MARCH 22 WAS IN FAVOR OF THE WORKERS AND FAVORED THEIR
REINTEGRATION INTO THEIR JOBS.

2. LEVINSON IS AWAITING FURTHER WORD ON FIRESTONE
CORPORATION'S MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSE TO THE JUDGMENT.
UNLESS FAVORABLE ACTION IS TAKEN ON BEHALF OF THE
SPANISH WORKERS BY ABOUT APRIL 1, THE ICF PLANS TO
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PROMOTE AN ANTI-FIRESTONE CAMPAIGN WHICH MIGHT WELL

INCLUDE BOYCOTTS AND A MASS DEMONSTRATION AT THE
AMERICAN EMBASSY BRUSSELS. ACCORDING TO LEVINSON,
THOUGH AMBASSADOR FIRESTONE IS NOT DIRECTLY CONNECTED
WITH THE COMPANY, IT IS NONETHELESS WITHIN HIS POWER TO
ADVISE FIRESTONE CORP'S MANAGEMENT AND PROPOSE A CLOSE
REVIEW OF THE SITUATION IN SPAIN AND THEREBY POSSIBLY
HEAD OFF A HARMFUL, MAYBE DANGEROUS ANTI-FIRESTONE CAMPAIGN.
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